GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Prohibition & Excise Department – Detention under section 3(1) of the Prevention of Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act,1988 (PIT NDPS Act, 1988) against Cannabis trafficker - Tirupathi District – Detention of Sri Sadu Hari, aged 28 yrs, S/o S.V Subbaiah, D.No 7-47, Padmavathi Puram, Tirupati Rural Mandal, Tirupati District, Andhra Pradesh U/Sec 3(1) of the Prevention of Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act,1988 (PIT NDPS Act, 1988) - Orders – Issued.

REVENUE (EXCISE.II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 1414 Dated: 19-11-2025

Read the following:-

1. G.O.Ms. No.131, General Administration (SC-1) Department, Dated:08.10.2018.
2. Letter received from the Superintendent of Police, Tirupathi District, C.No. 71/NDPS/TPT/2025, Dt.20.08.2025.

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ORDER:

In the reference 2nd read above, the Superintendent of Police, Tirupati District has reported that adverting to the above subject, Inspector of Police, Tiruchanuru PS has placed before the Superintendent of Police, Tirupathi District and same forwarded to Government about the information regarding a spate of Illegal possession and sale of Ganja by Sri Sadu Hari, aged 28 yrs, S/o S.V Subbaiah, D.No 7-47, Padmavathi Puram, Tirupati Rural Mandal, Tirupati District, Andhra Pradesh(herein after referred as detenue) for issuing of detention orders u/s 3(1) of the Prevention of illicit traffic in narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances act,1988 (PIT NDPSAct,1988).

2. He is a habitual offender involved in illicit ganja/cannabis trafficking, and generally operates along with his accomplices. Currently, he is actively involved in the clandestine business of smuggling cannabis (Ganja) in and around Tirupati City. Despite being arrested in multiple cases and facing prosecution, he continues to indulge in similar offences under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985, showing no signs of reformation. He engages in the purchase, storage, and sale of cannabis within the territorial jurisdiction of Tirupati District, particularly targeting educational institutions and students. Further, it is to be noted that the proposed detenue's activities have led to an alarming increase in drug abuse among youth, resulting in serious law and order problems, and drug consumers getting involved in heinous offences such as theft, robbery, and extortion etc. Therefore, the activities of the proposed detenue pose a serious threat to public health and welfare.

3. Sri Sadu Hari, aged 28 yrs, S/o SV Subbaiah, D.No 7-47, Padmavathi Puram, Tirupati Rural Mandal, Tirupati District, Andhra Pradesh state does not hold any license or permit to deal with any Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances under the provisions of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act 1985. There is a statutory ban on the production, purchase, storage, transport and sale of cannabis. Despite the ban on illicit drug traffic, Sri Sadu Hari aged 28 yrs, S/o SV Subbaiah, along with his associates, engages in clandestine procurement, possession, transport, and sale of cannabis. The use and consumption of cannabis pose a severe threat to public health, leading to widespread danger to public lives and resulting in severe psychotic disorders. Therefore, he is involved in "illicit traffic" under Sec.2(e)(iii) of the Prevention of illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1988 and his actions are prejudicial to Public Health.

4. The following cases have been registered against Sri Sadu Hari in Tiruchanur police station of Tirupati City under NDPS Act. These cases, along with his continuous indulgence in NDPS offences, are sufficient grounds to invoke preventive detention under Section 3(1) of the PIT NDPS Act, 1988, to prevent him from committing further criminal activities and to maintain public health and order:

S. No	Crime No. & Section of Law	Police Station	Quantity Seized	Stage of Case
1	Cr.No.372/2021 U/s 20(b)(ii)(C), 29(1) r/w 8(C) NDPS Act	Tiruchanur PS	2 Kg	Pending Trial
2	Cr.No.39/2023 U/s 20(b)(i), 20(b)(ii)(A) r/w 8(C) NDPS Act	Tiruchanur PS	4 Kg	Under Investigation

5. GROUNDS FOR DETENTION:-

1. Cr.No.372/2021 U/s 20(b)(ii)(C), 29(1) r/w 8(C) of NDPS Act, 1985 – Tiruchanur PS:

This is a case of illegal possession of narcotic drugs by the accused that occurred on 10-07-2021 at about 07:15 AM at Dhobhi Ghat near ZP High School, Padmavathi Puram, Tirupati Rural Mandal. Based on credible information, a Police team led by the Inspector of Police, Tiruchanur PS, Sri M. Sudhakara Reddy, conducted a surprise raid at the said location. During the operation, the accused A-1 SaduHari, aged 28 years, and A-2 PalyamGopi, aged 43 years, were found inillegal possession of two packets of dry ganja weighing about 2 Kgs, valued approximately of Rs.7,000/-. The contraband was seized under a cover of mahazar drafted by mediators and duly attested by panchayatdars in the presence of a Gazetted Officer. Two mobile phones used in the commission of the offence were also seized. The accused were arrested at the spot and a case was registered under the appropriate sections of the NDPS Act. The case was charged on 10-11-2021 and it is Pending Trail vide NDPS SC.No.38/2022 on the file of Hon'ble Court of I Addl. District Sessions Judge, Chittoor.

2.Cr.No.39/2023 U/s 20(b)(i), 20(b)(ii)(A) r/w 8(C) of NDPS Act, 1985 – Tiruchanur PS:

This is a case of illegal possession of narcotic drugs by the accused that occurred on 06-02-2023 at about 07:00 AM near Anjaneya Swamy Temple, at ThanapalliIndiramma Houses, Tiruchanur, Tirupati Rural Mandal. Acting on credible information, a Police team led by Sri T. Venkatasubbaiah, Sub-Inspector of Police, Tiruchanur PS, apprehended the accused while they were in possession of seven (07) packets of ganja weighing approximately 4 Kgs (including one packet of 2 kg, one packet of 1.5 kg, and five packets of 100 grams each). The contraband was reportedly procured through an absconding accused using mobile number 8331072116. The Police arrested A1) SaduHari, A2) Vemula Munindra, A3) Kadari Srikanth, A4) Karamanchi Ajay Kumar, A5) Chintakondala Chandrasekhar @ Bullet, andA6) Dudekula Bavaiah @ Basha and also seized Rs.1,000/- in cash. The case was registered under relevant sections of the NDPS Act and is currently under investigation pending apprehension of the absconding accused A7.

6. Apart from the above NDPS cases, the detenue Sadu Hari is involved in 11 other criminal cases registered at various police stations within Tirupati city limits and surrounding areas under sections of the Indian Penal Code, primarily for theft (Sec. 379 IPC) and robbery (Sec. 394 IPC).

7. The Ganja is being possessed and sold by him is causing widespread danger to the public health. Thus, he is involved in “illicit traffic” as classified under section 2 (e) (iii) of the Prevention of Illicit Traffic In Narcotic Drugs And Psychotropic Substances Act, 1988 (PIT NDPS Act,1988) and acting prejudicial manner to the maintenance of public health.

8. In order to effectively control the illegal activities of Ganja trading by the accused Sri Sadu Hari, aged 28 yrs, S/o SV Subbaiah, D.No 7-47, Padmavathi Puram, Tirupati Rural Mandal, Tirupati District, Andhra Pradesh and to prevent him from committing such offenses in the future, there is no other option but to invoke the provisions of law and detain him under Section 3(1) of The Prevention of Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1988 (PITNDPS Act 1988).

9. The prosecution process takes a long time to have any impact on such offenders under the NDPS Act, 1985. Meanwhile, the proposed detenue continues to engage in these illegal activities. His actions could lead to ganja-related tragedies, costing lives and impacting families socially and economically, ultimately disturbing public order.

10. In view of the above facts enumerated supra, Government, after careful examination and in exercise of the powers conferred upon the Principal Secretary to Government, Revenue (Excise) Department under section 3(1) of the Prevention of Illicit Traffic In Narcotic Drugs And Psychotropic Substances Act, 1988 (PIT NDPS Act, 1988) vide G.O.Ms.No.131, General Administration (SC-1) Department, Dated: 08.10.2018 do hereby direct under Sub-Section (1) of Section 3 of the said Act that Sri Sadu Hari, aged 28 yrs, S/o SV Subbaiah, D.No 7-47, Padmavathi Puram, Tirupati Rural Mandal, Tirupati District, Andhra Pradesh shall be detained in Central Prison, Nellore/Kadapa, Andhra Pradesh State until further orders to be received from the Government in order to prevent the detenue from indulging in such dangerous, clandestine and illegal activities prejudicial to the maintenance of public health and as per the provisions laid down under the Prevention of Illicit Traffic In Narcotic Drugs And Psychotropic Substances Act, 1988 (PIT NDPS Act, 1988).

11. The grounds of detention in English and Telugu languages and the material in support thereof are being sent herewith to Sri Sadu Hari, aged 28 yrs, S/o SV Subbaiah, D.No 7-47, Padmavathi Puram, Tirupati Rural Mandal, Tirupati District, Andhra Pradesh. The individual has a right to make a presentation before the Detaining Authority as per article 22 (5) of the Constitution of India, to the Advisory Board against his detention U/Sec 9 of the Prevention of Illicit Traffic In Narcotic Drugs And Psychotropic Substances Act, 1988 (PIT NDPS Act, 1988) and he has also a right to be heard personally by the Advisory Board, if he so desires.

12. The Superintendent of Jails, Central Prison, Nellore/Kadapa is directed to take over the detenue into his custody and lodge him in the Central Prison, Nellore/Kadapa until further orders from the Government.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHARA PRADESH)

MUKESH KUMAR MEENA
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Superintendent of Jails, Central Prison, Nellore/Kadapa.
Copy to:
Sri Sadu Hari, aged 28 yrs, S/o S.V Subbaiah, D.No 7-47, Padmavathi Puram, Tirupati Rural Mandal, Tirupati District, Andhra Pradesh (**Through** the Inspector of Police, Tiruchanuru PS, Tirupati District).
The Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. of India, Lok Nayak Bhavan, Khan Market, New Delhi-110003.
The Superintendent of Police, Tirupati District.

The OSD to the Chief Secretary, A.P. Secretariat, for favour of kind information.
The Inspector of Police, TiruchanuruPS, Tirupati District(To serve the orders on and send the served copy to this office).
The PS to Prl. Secretary, GA (Political) Dept., A.P. Secretariat for favour of information.
The PS to Principal Secretary to Govt., Revenue (Excise) Dept., AP. Secretariat.
The PS to Secretary to Govt., Law Department.
Sf/Sc.

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